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	UNITED STATES BA CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORN	ANKRUPTCY COURT NIA - SANTA ANA DIVISION
In	re:	CASE NO.: 8:23-bk-10571-SC
Th	e Litigation Practice Group, PC,	CHAPTER: 11
		DECLARATION THAT NO PARTY REQUESTED A HEARING ON MOTION LBR 9013-1(o)(3)
		LBR 9013-1(0)(3)
	Debtor(s).	[No Hearing Required]
		pplication (Motion) entitled: APPLICATION PURSUANT TO ENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF DINSMORE & SHOHL ISTEE RICHARD A. MARSHACK
4.	On (date): 6/7/2023 and 6/8/2023 Movant(s), served a copy of on required parties using the method(s) identified on the	☐ the notice of motion or ☒ the Motion and notice of motion ne Proof of Service of the notice of motion.
5.		des that the deadline to file and serve a written response and be of the notice of motion, plus 3 additional days if served by
6.	More than 17 days have passed after Movant(s) serv	ved the notice of motion.
7.	I checked the docket for this bankruptcy case and/or awas timely filed.	dversary proceeding, and no response and request for hearing
8.	No response and request for hearing was timely serve address, email address, or facsimile number specified	d on Movant(s) via Notice of Electronic Filing, or at the street in the notice of motion.

9. Based on the foregoing, and pursuant to LBR 9013-1(o), a hearing is not required.

Movant(s) requests that the court grant the motion and enter an order without a hearing.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: <u>06/26/2023</u>	/s/ Christopher Ghio Signature
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14		327(a) AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF DINSMORE &
15		SHOHL LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE RICHARD
16		A. MARSHACK AND OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING
17		Date: No Hearing Required
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19		411 West Fourth Street, Suite 5130 Santa Ana, California, 92701-4593
20		Judge: Hon. Scott C. Clarkson
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22	TO THE HONORABLE SCOT	C. CLARKSON, UNITED STATES
23	BANKRUPTCY JUDGE; THE OFFICE OF T	THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE; AND ALL
24	OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:	
25	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Richard A.	Marshack, court-appointed chapter 11 trustee (the
26	"Trustee" or "Movant") in the chapter 11 case	(the "Case") of the above-captioned debtor, The
27	Litigation Practice Group P.C. (the "Debtor"), ha	as filed an Application for authority to retain and
28	employ the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP	("Dinsmore") as special counsel for the Trustee

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pursuant to § 327(a) of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"). Dinsmore will seek compensation from the within bankruptcy estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331.

The Trustee believes Dinsmore is qualified to represent him and that it is necessary to employ Dinsmore in this Case. Dinsmore has no material conflicts of interest adverse to the bankruptcy estate and Dinsmore is a disinterested person. The Application is made pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327. Dinsmore has not received a retainer in connection with its proposed representation of the Trustee. "Connections" as defined in Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 2014 to creditors and parties in interest are set forth in the Celentino Declaration (as defined in the Application) filed in connection with the Application.

The rates for this Case for some of the lawyers and paraprofessionals expected to be primarily involved in this Case are as follows:

Name	Title	Published Hourly Rate	Discounted Rate for this Case
Christopher Celentino	Partner	\$831.25	\$825.00
Peter J. Mastan	Partner	\$740.00	\$740.00
Lovee D. Sarenas	Partner	\$660.00	\$660.00
Christopher B. Ghio	Partner	\$625.00	\$595.00
Jeremy B. Freedman	Associate	\$445.00	\$445.00
Jonathan B. Serrano	Associate	\$390.00	\$390.00
Caron Burke	Paraprofessional	\$250.00	\$225.00

The Trustee understands that these billing rates are generally revised on or about January 1 of each year, but that the above rates will remain consistent in this Case through December 31, 2023. For other professionals, the rate will be the published hourly rate generally in effect for the period during which the services are rendered. Because the fees are based on hourly rates and correspond to the experience, expertise and track record of each individual, the Trustee believes the terms and conditions of Dinsmore's employment are reasonable.

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In addition to the hourly rates set forth above, Dinsmore customarily charges its clients for items of cost and expense incurred in our work on this matter. Items which will be charged separately include copying, messenger services, filing fees, postage and express services, long distance telephone calls, telecopying, IP conversion services, computerized legal research, computer-assisted document preparation, support staff overtime when necessary, and similar items.

Dinsmore intends to apply to the Court for allowance of such compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, the standing orders of this Court, and the guidelines, practices and customs of the Office of the U.S. Trustee. Where appropriate, Dinsmore may engage third-party providers to perform specific services. As with Dinsmore's hourly rates, the cost and expense schedule is generally updated on or about January 1 of each year. The current rates for these charges are set forth in Exhibit "A" to the Celentino Declaration.

Deadline for Filing and Serving Opposition Papers and Request for a Hearing:

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any response and request for hearing as to the proposed employment must be in the form as required by Local Bankruptcy Rules 9013-1(f)(1) and (o), and must be filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. The deadline for any response and request for hearing is fourteen (14) days after the date service of this Notice, plus an additional three (3) days if this Notice was served by mail or pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5(b)(2)(D) or (F). A copy of any response or request for hearing must be served on the Movant (and proposed special counsel). A copy must also be served on the Office of the United States Trustee, 411 West Fourth Street, Suite 7160, Santa Ana, CA 92701. Failure to timely respond may be deemed as acceptance of the proposed relief. See Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(h).

Bv:

Date: June 7, 2023 DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP

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Casse 8 223 link 11055711-55C Doorc 1945 FFileeth 0066 0276 2233 EEntterreeth 0066 0276 2233 2106 2097 0592 Deessoc Wain Document **Prampe** 118 of f 2489 Christopher Celentino (State Bar No. 131688) 1 christopher.celentino@dinsmore.com **DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP** 655 West Broadway, Suite 800 San Diego, CA 92101 3 Telephone: 619.400.0500 Facsimile: 619.400.0501 4 Proposed Special Counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee, 5 Richard A. Marshack 6 7 8 9 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SANTA ANA DIVISION 10 11 Case No. 8:23-bk-10571-SC 12 In re: THE LITIGATION PRACTICE GROUP P.C., Chapter 11 13 14 Debtor. APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. **SECTION 327(a) AUTHORIZING THE** RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF 15 **DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE** 16 RICHARD A. MARSHACK 17 Date: No Hearing Required Time: 18 Ctrm: 5C 19 411 West Fourth Street, Suite 5130 Santa Ana, California, 92701-4593 Hon. Scott C. Clarkson 20 Judge: 21 22 23 Richard A. Marshack, court-appointed chapter 11 trustee (the "Trustee") in the chapter 11 case (the "Case") of the above-captioned debtor, The Litigation Practice Group P.C. (the "Debtor"), 24 25 hereby moves the Court for authority to retain and employ the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP 26 ("Dinsmore") as special counsel in the Case, pursuant to Section 327(a) of Title 11 of the United 27 States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 28 ///

(the "Bankruptcy Rules"). In support of this Application, the Trustee (i) submits the accompanying Declaration of Christopher Celentino (the "Celentino Declaration"); and (ii) respectfully represents:

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

On or about March 20, 2023, a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court of the Central District of California was filed by the Debtor. On or about May 8, 2023, the Trustee was appointed trustee in the Case. On or about May 19, 2023, the Trustee filed an application to employ Marshack Hays LLP as its general counsel. The Trustee seeks to also retain and employ Dinsmore as the Trustee's special counsel in the Case effective as of May 8, 2023.

II. <u>JURISDICTION</u>

The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). The relief requested herein is authorized by Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2014.

III. EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

By this Application, the Trustee seeks the entry of an order pursuant to Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code approving the retention and employment of Dinsmore as his special counsel as of May 8, 2023 in the Case to perform the legal services that will be necessary during these proceedings. A proposed form of order is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

A. Dinsmore Qualifications

The Trustee seeks Court approval to retain Dinsmore as his special counsel to provide additional refined legal services as needed in the Case. The Trustee seeks to retain Dinsmore because: (i) Dinsmore has extensive experience in bankruptcy, liquidations, reorganizations, and other areas of law, applicable to the Case; (ii) Dinsmore has extensive experience in representing trustees in both chapter 11 and chapter 7 bankruptcy cases; (iii) this case requires additional assistance and potential litigation against multiple parties calling for specialized investigative and trial services of multiple attorneys; and (iv) the Trustee believes that Dinsmore is well qualified to represent the Trustee in the Case in the additional capacity as his special counsel. This Case largely

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involves a complex business structure whereby Debtor operates a business that provides debt relief legal services to consumers across the country at a monthly premium. Prior to filing its petition, Debtor alleges to have assigned its clients and their corresponding monthly premiums to other law firms in exchange for a percentage executory contract with based referral fee; it appears this practice continued after the appointment of the Trustee. Dinsmore's experience is needed to analyze the legitimacy of the assignments, determine whether additional litigation is appropriate and the impact it may have on the estate. The Trustee believes that Dinsmore will provide its expertise with respect to bankruptcy, real property, business operations and other relevant issues and will act as special counsel for the Trustee in a cost-effective manner. In short, the bankruptcy litigation trial lawyers at Dinsmore offer a deep bench of personnel to the Trustee, with the capacity to review tens of thousands of files and hundreds of thoughts of documents.

Dinsmore and its lawyers represent a valuable resource upon which the Trustee may draw for assistance in such legal matters as: bankruptcy, intellectual property, real property, business litigation, commercial transactions, real estate matters, consumer debt collection practices, property of the estate issues, debtor/creditor rights, investigative matters, and defending and prosecuting federal and state civil claims of all kinds. The Trustee submits that the ability to draw on such resources makes Dinsmore especially qualified to serve as his special counsel.

Christopher Celentino will be the lawyer at Dinsmore with primary responsibility for this engagement. He will be supported by Christopher B. Ghio and Jeremy B. Freedman and other professionals as the need arises or there are economic efficiencies to be gained thereby. The Trustee has been advised that pursuant to Rule 2014(b) of the Bankruptcy Rules, Court approval of the retention and employment of Dinsmore constitutes employment approval for all of the lawyers at the firm. The Trustee has been informed that Christopher Celentino, Christopher B. Ghio, and Jeremy B. Freedman, the lawyers of Dinsmore who will be primarily involved in the Case, are members in good standing of the State of California, and all attorneys who will appear before this Court are members in good standing of this Court. Other attorneys who may be involved in the Case, are members in good standing of their applicable Bars. Dinsmore intends to use other

associates and paraprofessionals, supervised by Christopher Celentino or Christopher Ghio, whenever efficient and cost-effective to do so.

After due consideration and deliberation, the Trustee has concluded that his interests and the interests of the estate and its creditors would be served best by the retention of Dinsmore, as special counsel to render such legal services as are necessary and appropriate in connection with the matters set forth herein and to render such additional legal services as may be required from time to time during the pendency of this Case.

Subject to the Celentino Declaration submitted herewith and the disclosures contained therein, as well as the disclosures made in the engagement letter with Dinsmore (attached to the Celentino Declaration), Dinsmore has informed the Trustee that Dinsmore does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Trustee. In addition, to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, no partner or employee of Dinsmore holds or represents any interest adverse to the Debtor's estate, and Dinsmore is "disinterested" within the meaning of Bankruptcy Code Section 101(14). (See, the Celentino Declaration at ¶8). The connections of Dinsmore to the Debtor, any known creditors of the Debtor, the estate, the Trustee, the United States Trustee, any person employed by the United States Trustee, or any other known party in interest, including their respective attorneys, are set forth in the Celentino Declaration.

B. Necessity for Employment

The Trustee believes it is necessary to retain special counsel to render additional legal services relating to the continued administration of this Case, as applicable, and assist in the disposition of the estate's assets, including investigation and tracking of the complex business affairs of Debtor, real property of the estate, including the following, as applicable:

- 1. To analyze transactions, and transfers and any potential trustee avoidance actions and claims relating to property of the estate or potential property of the Estate and, in conjunction with all of the above, to serve as litigation counsel to the Trustee and Estate;
- 2. To advise Trustee regarding the laws and regulations relating to the Debtor's business and advise, if necessary, with regard to operations, wind-down, best practices for assuring customers are properly treated and, if advisable, prepare an exit strategy with regard to the Debtor's

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business. (Applicant has several lawyers within its firm that are familiar with and understand the regulations relating to this type of business and industry). Advise and assist all necessary legal services with regard to disposition of assets of the Estate that relate in any manner to the business operations and/or the Debtor including but not limited to the Federal Debt Protection Actions Act and the Fair Credit Reporting Act;

- 3. Undertake an investigation of the business operations and any transfers related thereto and advise Trustee what actions should be brought against insiders, former officers, former employees, previous counsel and any other third parties;
- 4. Preparing on behalf of the Trustee, and/or assisting general counsel, with necessary motions, applications, answers, orders, reports, and other pleadings in connection with the administration of the estate or as required by this Court or otherwise pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California ("Local Bankruptcy Rules");
- 5. Representing the Trustee at hearings regarding or affecting the Debtor or the estate, as needed;
 - 6. Investigation of the Debtor and its financial affairs;
 - 7. Prosecuting and defending litigated matters that may arise during the Case;
 - 8. Advising the Trustee and general counsel with respect to matters in the Case;
- 9. Advising the Trustee and general counsel with respect to the claims (and claims objections) asserted in the Case;
- 10. Commencing, conducting, advising or assisting in the same as applicable, any and all litigation or other action necessary or appropriate to assert rights held by the estate or the Debtor, or protect or recover assets of the Estate or the Debtor;
- 11. Representing the Trustee, and/or assisting general counsel, with respect to sales of assets of the Estate, including real property;
- 12. Providing counseling with respect to legal matters which may arise during the pendency of the Case including, but not limited to, potential legal ethics issues; and

13. Performing all other legal services that are necessary for the efficient and economic administration of the Case.

IV. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT RETROACTIVELY IS APPROPRIATE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE

The Trustee is requesting approval of Dinsmore's employment to be made retroactively effective to May 8, 2023 for the Case. The Trustee retained Dinsmore as its special counsel effective as of May 8, 2023 for the Case. (See <u>In re Mahoney, Trocki & Associates</u>, 54 B.R. 823 (Bankr. S.D. Cal. 1985)). Thus, this Application is timely filed within thirty (30) days of the date the Trustee retained Dinsmore for this Case.

V. <u>COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES</u>

The Trustee proposes to pay Dinsmore its customary hourly rates in effect from time to time as set forth below, plus reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses incurred by the firm. Dinsmore's rates are competitive in the markets in Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego, California among other attorneys with similar skills, experience, case results and expertise. Dinsmore intends to apply to the Court for allowance of such compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the standing orders of this Court, and the guidelines, practices, and customs of the United States Trustee.

Dinsmore has advised the Trustee that the firm may seek interim compensation during this Case as permitted by applicable sections of the Bankruptcy Code, including Sections 330 and 331 and the applicable Local Bankruptcy Rules.

Based upon the Celentino Declaration, the Trustee believes that no agreement or understanding exists between Dinsmore and any other entity for sharing compensation to be received for services rendered in or in connection with the Case.

A. Fees

The rates for this Case for some of the primary lawyers and paraprofessionals expected to be involved in this Case are as follows:

Name	Title	Published Hourly Rate	Discounted Rate for this Case
Christopher Celentino	Partner	\$831.25	\$825.00
Peter J. Mastan	Partner	\$740.00	\$740.00
Lovee D. Sarenas	Partner	\$660.00	\$660.00
Christopher B. Ghio	Partner	\$625.00	\$595.00
Jeremy B. Freedman	Associate	\$445.00	\$445.00
Jonathan B. Serrano	Associate	\$390.00	\$390.00
Caron Burke	Paraprofessional	\$250.00	\$225.00

The above attorneys' biographies are attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

The Trustee understands that these billing rates are generally updated on or about January 1 of each year, and that the above rates will remain consistent in the case through December 31, 2023. For other professionals, the rate will be the hourly rate generally in effect for the period during which the services were rendered. Because the fees are based on hourly rates and correspond to the experience, expertise and case results of each individual, the terms and conditions of Dinsmore's employment are reasonable. Dinsmore believes that much of the work on this matter can be performed by associates and paraprofessionals under Christopher Celentino's or Christopher Ghio's supervision.

B. Reimbursement of Expenses

In addition to the hourly rates set forth above, Dinsmore customarily charges its clients for items of cost and expense incurred in our work on this matter. Items which will be charged separately include copying, messenger services, filing fees, postage and express services, long distance telephone calls, telecopying, IP conversion services, computerized legal research, computer-assisted document preparation, support staff overtime when necessary, and similar items. Dinsmore intends to apply to the Court for allowance of such compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the standing orders of this Court, and the guidelines, practices

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23	The Bankruptcy Court having reviewed t	the Application (the "Application") of chapter 11
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26	, , ,	ne Trustee, and the Bankruptcy Court finding that
27	notice of the Application was proper, that no ob-	jection to the Application was timely made, that
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Christopher focuses his practice on creditor's rights, fiduciary services litigation, business reorganization and workouts, and insolvency and bankruptcy law. His bankruptcy practice emphasizes representation of creditors and court-appointed trustees in chapter 7 and 11 cases, as well as representation of debtors in chapter 11 cases. He has knowledge of mechanic's lien law and related construction litigation matters, as well as family law and related dissolution matters. His creditor's right practice emphasizes representing lenders and borrowers in workout and restructuring of commercial loans, secured transactions, and lease transactions, and pursuit of creditor's rights in commercial litigation matters.

He is certified as a business bankruptcy specialist by the American Board of Certification. In 2011, he was selected as one of the "Transcript 10," comprised of 10 of the most noteworthy attorneys from San Diego County, by the San Diego Daily Transcript. In 2012, Christopher was the president of the California Bankruptcy Forum, the leading professional organization for bankruptcy lawyers in California, having served previously as treasurer and secretary; in 2018, he served as a co-chair of the annual meeting.

He is also a former member and past president of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum. He is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association, where he served as chair of the Bankruptcy Law Section from 1992 - 1993, and a secretary and vice president of the California State Bar Association Insolvency Committee, as well as a former member of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum. He is also former chair of the San Diego Financial Lawyers Group and has served since 1994 as a court-appointed mediation panel member to the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California. He has served as both a court-appointed expert and privately-engaged expert in many cases involving unique issues of bankruptcy and divorce.

Services

- Corporate & Transactional
- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- Litigation

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., cum laude, 1987)
 - Journal of Law and Technology, co-founder and editor-in-chief
 - The Georgetown law Journal, associate editor
- Northwestern University (B.S., 1984)

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Affiliations/Memberships

- California Bankruptcy Forum, past president, secretary, treasurer, board member
- San Diego Bankruptcy Forum, past president and board member
- Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum, past board member
- Old Town Academy K-8 Charter School, co-founder and former chair of the board
- ABI Southwest, Conference Board (March 2017)
- California State Bar Association, secretary and vice president, Insolvency Committee
- San Diego County Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law section, past chair
- American Bar Association
- San Diego Financial Lawyers Group, past chair
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California, court-appointed mediation panel member (1994 -2012)

Distinctions

- Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Bankruptcy/Restructuring (2017 2018)
- The Best Lawyers in San Diego, San Diego Magazine (2016)
- Best Lawyers® (2012 2022)
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation Bankruptcy



- San Diego Super Lawyers (2007 2018)
- "Transcript 10", San Diego Daily Transcript (2011)
- Senior Lawyer Fellowship, Center for International Legal Studies (2011)
- Board certified in business bankruptcy law by American Board of Certification
- Avvo Top Rated Lawyer (2022)
- Americas Most Honored Lawyers Top 1% (2022)





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Peter is the managing partner of the Los Angeles office. He focuses his practice on bankruptcy law, commercial and business litigation, and receiverships. His clients include bankruptcy trustees, receivers, businesses, creditors, government entities, litigants in bankruptcy adversary proceedings, and those interested in buying assets from bankruptcy and/or receivership estates. He counsels clients on matters including bankruptcy avoidance action litigation (including the prosecution and defense of fraudulent transfer and preference actions). Ponzi scheme litigation, Bankruptcy Code 363 sales, fiduciary obligations and the defense of bankruptcy-related malpractice actions brought against fiduciaries and professionals. His experience includes the litigation and management of more than 150 fraudulent transfer adversary proceedings as part of a Ponzi scheme where the trustee recovered more than \$100 million in assets, the litigation of more than 100 additional adversary proceedings in a separate failed Ponzi scheme, and the successful defense of multiple law firms accused of malpractice while representing bankruptcy estate fiduciaries.

He is also a member of the panel of Chapter 7 trustees established by the Office of the United States Trustee for the Central District of California, and serves as a Chapter 7 trustee, Chapter 11 trustee, bankruptcy examiner and receiver. Peter's fiduciary experience includes the operation and liquidation of substantial commercial and residential real properties, the operation and sale of adult residential care facilities and other businesses, and the management of litigation-based cases, including fraud-related bankruptcy cases.

Peter is also experienced in international judgment recovery actions, having orchestrated such efforts around the world in Sweden, Austria, the Cook Islands and other areas.

Services

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- Capital Markets
- Bankruptcy & Restructuring

Education

Loyola Law School (J.D., 1997)

- o Entertainment Law Journal note and comment editor
- St. Thomas More Law Honor Society
- American Jurisprudence Awards in Secured Transactions in Personal Property and Federal Income Taxation
- University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., 1993)

Bar Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- · U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- · U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Affiliations/Memberships

- National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees
- Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, board of directors
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- California Bankruptcy Forum
 - o President (2017)
 - Pro Bono Steering Committee, chairman (2016 2017)
 - Vice president (2016)
 - o Secretary (2015)
 - o Treasurer (2014)
 - o Co-education chair (2011)
 - Co-education chair of the Young Insolvency Professional program (2010)
- · Central District of California, Chapter 7 panel of trustees

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Lovee concentrates her practice on trustee representations in bankruptcy cases under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code and representing creditors' committees and distressed small businesses in Chapter 11 cases. She has assisted and worked with institutional banks, insurance companies, airlines, storage facilities, commercial property owners, small businesses, and turnaround professionals.

Her experience includes counseling international companies in major retail bankruptcy cases; handling bankruptcy-related real estate issues; defending institutional clients in a variety of bankruptcy litigation, avoidance actions and fraudulent transfer claims; and serving as debtor-in-possession counsel to a B2B e-commerce company in an intellectual property sale. She has experience with PACA claims and bankruptcy-related issues in farm business reorganizations. Having a dedicated and broad bankruptcy experience enables her to create practical, cost-efficient, and innovative solutions to a variety of insolvency situations her clients may confront. Throughout her career, Lovee has played a critical role in a number of reorganization, bankruptcy litigation and insolvency matters, including:

- Representing several Official Committees of Unsecured Creditors in various reorganization cases including the case of Cornerstone Apparel, Inc. which resulted in a \$9.5 million settlement distribution to unsecured creditors:
- Working with defense team for an aviation client in a fraudulent transfer claim that reduced a \$5 million claim to a de minimus settlement amount;
- Successfully representing and defending several institutional clients comprised of banks, mortgage lenders, investment and accounting firms, and a national storage facility owner in bankruptcy reorganization matters, and bankruptcy and avoidance litigation;
- Serving as counsel to international clients from China, Korea and United Kingdom in the retail industry and commercial landlords across California in national retail bankruptcies;
- Serving as co-counsel for a farming operation with over 3,000 seasonal agricultural workers in the sale of its farming business in Central California as part of its chapter 11 plan;



- Serving as debtor-in-possession counsel in the auction sale of the client's web services patent which sold for \$15.5 million from a \$1 million opening bid thereby resulting in a 100% distribution to unsecured creditors: and
- Working with general bankruptcy counsel team that assisted in the reorganization of a winery in Napa, California.

Lovee is the first Filipino-American to serve as a judicial clerk for two bankruptcy judges: the late Richard M. Neiter and Ellen A. Carroll (ret.) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. Before she clerked with Judge Neiter, Lovee practiced as a restructuring attorney for a prominent chapter 11 boutique bankruptcy firm in Northern California.

She is also active in the community, having been recognized on account of several leadership roles in bar and community organizations in Los Angeles, including the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum, the Central District U.S. Bankruptcy Court Small Business Reorganizational Task Force, UPAAGLA Board of Directors, and the California Bankruptcy Forum. She is currently the vice president of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum after a successful year chairing its Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee where she co-founded the Hon. Richard M. Neiter Externship Fellowship that awards stipends to law students from underrepresented backgrounds who are full-time externs with the federal bankruptcy judiciary in the Central District.

She is a member of the USC Gould School of Law adjunct faculty and serves as an adjunct professor of bankruptcy law at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles.

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- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Affiliations/Memberships

- Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum Executive Committee
- · Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum Vice President



- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Central District of California Small Business Reorganization Task Force (2020)
- UP Alumni Association of Greater Los Angeles Board Member and Secretary
- Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum Board Member
- Philippine American Bar Association
- Los Angeles Catholic Lawyers Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum past Membership Co-Chair
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Christopher is trusted by a wide range of clients, including financial institutions at the local, regional and national level; publicly traded corporations; court-appointed receivers; bankruptcy trustees; private fiduciaries; small businesses and individuals.

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Christopher has been lead counsel on the following significant matters including: obtaining approval of a Chapter 11 liquidating plan for a court appointed Chapter 11 Trustee in a case involving the recovery of several dozen fraudulently conveyed rental homes; successfully defending - in a reported decision - a summary judgment in his clients' favor on appeal to the California Appellate and Supreme Courts; securing terminating sanctions against plaintiffs in multi-million dollar harassment and defamation cases; securing a "no-notice" ex parte turnover order for a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Trustee; and negotiating and documenting a lease for multiple floors of Class A office space.

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College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law (J.D., 2008)



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Services

Litigation

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Bar Admissions

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After completing terms at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Jonathan worked for a global law firm, assisting clients in large chapter 11 cases.

Prior to practicing law, Jonathan taught high school chemistry for several years.

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